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COUNTRY Austria (Soviet Zone)REPORT NO. [REDACTED]TOPIC Soviet Troops in Schwechat, Bruck on the Leitha River and in Leobersdorf

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EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED] 25X1CDATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] PREPARED 7 December 1951REFERENCES [REDACTED]PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]REMARKS [REDACTED]Document No. 001No Change in Class. ☐☐ SpecialClass. [REDACTED] TS S (C)Auth: [REDACTED]Date: [REDACTED] Aug 28By: 013SOURCE [REDACTED]

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1. On [REDACTED] 1951, the Altkettenhof Estate in Schwechat (P 49/X 48) on the eastern bank of the Schwechat River was occupied by Soviet troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 20 trucks were parked in the yard. Source saw truck [REDACTED] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, enter the estate. A major with blue-bordered blue epaulets and another soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were sitting near the driver. Eight AA guns of about 80 mm and with muzzle brake, 3 AA guns with funnel-shaped muzzles, and 3 trailers with generators were parked in the rear section of the Altkettenhof. Several soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were beside the artillery pieces. A heavy rubber cable led from the building opposite the Altkettenhof, on the east side of the road to the railroad station, to Zwölfaxing (P 49/X 48) airfield. Several soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets were in this building. *

2. On [REDACTED] 1951, troops seen entering or leaving the camp in the woods in Bruck on the Leitha River (P 49/X 77) wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and others with artillery insignia. Among 18 officers observed there, there were eight majors. [REDACTED] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were identified. Six canvas-covered armored vehicles were in the garages southeast of the railroad station. Only a few soldiers, who wore red-bordered black epaulets, were observed there.

3. No activity was observed on the firing range for armored vehicles. Fresh imprints of caterpillar tracks led toward Kaisersteinbruch (P 48/X 67). Insulators and wire reels were piled up in the signal equipment depot in the former sugar factory. No personnel was noticed there.

4. On [REDACTED] 1951, several Soviet soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets boarded in Leobersdorf (O 48/X 36) a train to Vienna. One of the soldiers carried [REDACTED] **

* Comment. Soviet troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia have been observed in the Altkettenhof Estate or Dreher Castle, Schwechat, since 1949. No weapons have to date been identified there. No observation of 11 AA guns in connection with [REDACTED] furnish new clues regarding the

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identity of the troops in the installation.

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The telephone line running to Zwoelfaxing airfield is also indicative of a permanent connection with air force units. However, the assignment of the AAA unit stationed there can be determined only after more specific information on vehicular traffic in connection with the billeting area is received.

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